THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir, except Goa.

(b) and (c) The amounts released by Government of India during the years 2002-03 and 2003-04 to the States of U.P., Bihar and Maharashtra and utilised by them are as follows:—

(Rupees in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	State	2002-03			2003-04		
		Amount released by GoI	Amount utilised (Includes State share and opening balance)	%	Amount released by GoI	Amount utilised (Includes State share and opening balance)	%
1	U.P.	20245.4	22061.21	109	34043.3	47427	139
2	Bihar	7914.97	3452.41	44	19515.75	24689.41	127
3	Maharashtra	11000	9671.41	88	20526.67	33387.44	163

Absence of Central Educational Institutions/Medical Colleges in Himachal Pradesh

1243. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Himachal Pradesh does not have any significant Central Educational Institutions/University/Medical Colleges; and

(b) whether Government would initiate any action to put Himachal Pradesh at par with the other States in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), apart from Central Educational Institutions, namely, National Institute of Technology, Hamirpur and Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla, there are four universities established under the State Act and 45 colleges/institutions, including one Medical College, namely, Indira Gandhi Medical College, Shimla, recognized by the UGC in Himachal Pradesh.

In view of the above and the fact that the Central Universities have been established in 11 States/Union Territories, Himachal Pradesh is at par with many other States in the country.

Central education institutions in Himachal Pradesh

1244. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that per capita number of Central Schools in Himachal Pradesh is less than the national average;

(b) if not, what is the number of Central Schools, Navodaya Vidyalayas and Pratibha Vidyalaya Schools in the State; and

(c) if answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative the proposals for opening of more Central education institutions in the State during the Tenth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) There are 20 Kendriya Vidyalayas and 12 Navodaya Vidyalayas functioning in the State of Himachal Pradesh as on date.

The information in respect of Pratibha Vidyalaya Schools is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) Does not arise.

Marriages on contractual basis

1245. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of young poor girls married on contractual basis for a short period to foreign nationals from the Gulf countries have been reported;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken against the agents and steps taken to rehabilitate such poor girls?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) The